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Patent Application Of: Miller

For: Implantable Current Collector ID Matrix Identifier

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith

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2. Attached is Form PTO-1449. Legible copies of all items listed accompany this IDS.

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3. A concise explanation of the possible relevance of the listed information items is as follows:

Patents:

U.S. Patent No, 5,673,194 to Cipelletti et al. discloses a system for use in a production line for a printed circuit of an electronic control unit in which the quality and reliability of the product are of primary importance and it is important to be able to reconstruct the production life of the printed circuit completely through the course of its life cycle. Each printed circuit is provided with a label bearing a bar code, and the like, as a unique identifier. The system also includes a memory means and an associated central processing means, time measuring means, and means to detect and communicate input/output from work stations as operations are performed on the printed circuit and associated with the bar code thereon.

U.S. Patent No. 6,479,787 to Jendick relates to a method for providing distinct markings on an article using a laser unit. The use of the method is indicated for providing traceability marks on cans to indicate such things and when or where a can was filled or manufactured.

U.S. Patent No. 5,555,504 to Lepper et al. teaches a production line tracking and quality control system in the context of manufacturing contact lenses. The system includes a series of pallets for carrying either one or more first contact lenses mold halves or complementary second contact lenses mold halves throughout a contact lens fabrication facility. Each pallet includes a unique identifying code for identification and tracking purposes and are transported on a conveyor means throughout the contact lens fabrication facility that includes one or more process stations. A control means provides real time monitoring of the contact

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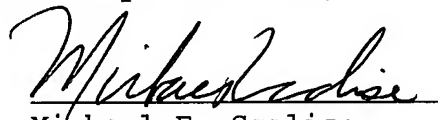
lens fabrication processes at the one or more process stations and includes tracking means for identifying a unique code for each pallet at various locations in the facility. The control means receive process parameters values at each station for each of the carrier pallets transported therethrough and issues a reject signal when the process parameters are out of bounds.

U.S. Patent No. 6,091,245 to Bertness teaches a method for auditing a battery test performed on a storage battery to obtain a test result. Test condition information is obtained regarding the battery test. The test result and test condition information is then combined into a code stored for output for future reference.

4. The remaining patents on the attached Form PTO 1449 were culled from the attorney's file.

5. The person making this statement is the agent who signs below, who makes this statement on the information supplied by the inventors and the information in the agent's file.

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